



Downtown Operations Interim Director **Jim Mery**

Jim Mery was appointed Interim Director for the Downtown Operations Department in January 2012. He began his career as a Landscape Architect for the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department from 1984 to 1992, providing project management and design for the development of \$18 million of park development and capital improvements for the City of San Antonio. Notable design projects included Schnabel Park Pavilion and project management on Eisenhower Park Development, Mission Del Lago golf course and Wolff Municipal Baseball Stadium.

Mr. Mery became the Stadium Manager in 1993 and developed and formulated all the stadium operating procedures including booking, marketing, contracting, event management and fiscal operations. In 1997, Wolff Municipal Stadium was made part of the Alamodome Department and he remained the Stadium Manager until 2001 when he was appointed as Acting Operations Manager at the Alamodome. In 2002, he was promoted to Operations Manager of the Alamodome. In 2005, Mery was promoted to Facility Manager and then promoted to the Assistant Director of the Convention, Sports, and Entertainment Facilities, a combined City department with oversight of facility management of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Alamodome, Lila Cockrell Theatre, Municipal Auditorium, and contract oversight of Wolff Municipal Stadium.

During his tenure at the Alamodome, Mery was the project manager overseeing the many City departments and outside agencies involved in coordinating the 2002 -2010 Alamobowl, 2002 and 2010 NCAA Women's Final Four Basketball Tournaments, the 2003 and 2007 NCAA Men's South Regional Basketball Tournaments, the 2004 and 2008 NCAA Men's Final Fours and the ESPN Global X Games. Simultaneously, he was part of the Alamodome team which designed and implemented the \$1 million new portable turf system for the Alamodome which was the one and only system of its kind in the world until some college universities and Cowboys Stadium used the design in their new stadiums.

With more than 27 years of project management experience, he has managed more than \$20 million in Alamodome capital improvements over the last seven years.

Education

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Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from Texas A & M University

Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

Mery is actively involved in his community and sits as an ex-officio member of the Valero Alamo Bowl Board of Directors and is an administrator of the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame Board.

Personal

Jim is a native San Antonian and is married to Sharon. They have three children, Stephen, attending Texas A&M University, Tara, attending the University of Texas, Austin, and Michelle, attending Rudder Middle School.